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## **KC MAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGALLY RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT, FEDERAL JOB TRAINING FUNDS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for mail fraud and making false statements in order to receive federal unemployment benefits and job training benefits to which he was not entitled.

**Rodney James Taylor**, 41, of Kansas City, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that, from June 8 to Dec. 14, 2002, **Taylor** devised a scheme to defraud the United States and obtain money by false pretenses and false representations. In order to execute the scheme, the indictment says, **Taylor** caused fraudulently obtained benefits checks to be mailed to his home and to his school.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that, from June 8 to Dec. 14, 2002, **Taylor** made false representations to the U.S. Department of Labor and its administrator, the Missouri Department of Employment Security, concerning his eligibility for payment of federal Unemployment Insurance benefits and Trade Readjustment Allowance benefits. TRA benefits, Graves explained, provide support for workers whose jobs were affected by foreign imports or outsourcing, and who have exhausted their unemployment. Those benefits can include paid training for a new job.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel M. Nelson. It was investigated by the Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General.

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